

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the abstract of the application with the following amended abstract:

Methods and system for efficient collection and storage of experimental data.—~~These methods and system~~ allow experimental data from high-throughput, feature-rich data collection systems, such as high-throughput cell data collection systems to be efficiently collected, stored, managed and displayed. The methods and system can be used, for example, for ~~storing~~ managing ~~storing, managing~~ and displaying cell image data and cell feature data collected from microplates including multiple wells and a variety of bio-chips in which an experimental compound has been applied to a population of cells. The methods and system provide a flexible and scalable repository of experimental data including multiple databases at multiple locations including pass-through databases that can be easily managed and allows cell data to be analyzed, manipulated and archived. The methods and system may improve the identification, selection, validation and screening of new drug compounds that have been applied to populations of cells. ~~The methods and system can also be used to provide new bioinformatic techniques to manipulate experimental data including multiple digital photographic images.~~